

FOREIGN FACTS.

Free Education in Great Britain.

A Tory Organ's Characteristic Attack on Progressive Ideas.

English Government Interest in the Chicago World's Fair.

Alarming Reports from Lisbon—Newfoundland Delegates Flattered—Chill Seeking Cash—American Vines.

By Telegram to The Times.

LONDON, April 24.—[By Cable and Associated Press.] The Free Education Bill has been drafted, and will probably be introduced before the Whitsun recess. It provides that fees be abolished in elementary schools.

The Standard strongly attacks free education. It says: "Free education may not abolish the church schools forthwith, but the process will only be delayed. It will impose a heavy and uncalculated burden upon the nation. The period of surplus cannot continue indefinitely. We are within the mark in saying the adoption of free education will be equivalent to a permanent addition of three and a half pence to the income tax."

LONDON LETTER.

Effect of the Free Education Bill—European Summary.

LONDON, April 24.—[Copyright, 1891, by the New York Associated Press.] There is much congratulation among members of the Commons that the Conservatives have committed themselves to free education, but much diversity of opinion as to how the new departure will affect the party's future. No one doubts that the government has made a coup with a view to the general election. The Conservatives, who dislike the measure, accept it because of their desire to associate the name of the party with the immense boon to town workmen and rural laborers, but the Liberals reason that the Tory action cannot take from them the credit of a measure for which they long fought. The opposition has further and stronger reasons to hail the government scheme, containing as it does abundant possibilities for party disruption and widespread national discontent. There will probably be denominational trouble, also. According to high authority, cabinet plans, however, simply involve free education in the lower standards, assisted by the Liberal party, and increased grants to denominational schools. No change will be made in the system of control except that parents shall have power to elect part of the board. The solid opposition of the Liberals to this latter point may give the Conservatives a disastrous check on the eve of dissolution.

The English government is evincing the greatest interest in the Chicago World's Fair, and has decided to make a handsome appropriation. This is an unusual sign of friendliness, as no appropriation was made for Paris. While everything is favorable, as far as the government and influential persons are concerned, it must be admitted that the probable exhibitors show indifference, entirely owing to lack of information and the absence of any one to supply it. Chicago must bestir herself if she wishes England freely represented.

The foreign office has received alarming advices from Lisbon. The English minister, Glynn Petrie, represents the political situation as critical. The Portuguese cabinet ought to submit a new English convention to the cortes May, but the premier pleads for an extension of the *modus vivendi* and delay in the publishing of the convention in order to give time for the abatement of the excitement against England, which is impeding the position of government.

Newfoundland delegates express themselves gratified at their reception in the House of Lords. They have received many encouraging promises of support from the officers and members of the Commons.

The Chilean envoy, Señor Godoy, has been here trying to negotiate a loan of £1,500,000 for President Balmaceda. London financiers having declined to advance the money, he went to Paris where he continued the search for a syndicate to take the loan. He has very little chance of success. Godoy asserts that Balmaceda still has plenty of money to pay his troops with, and sooner or later will overthrow the insurgents. His declaration in regard to the state of the exchequer is doubted in view of the fact that the Chilean cruisers built in France cannot leave because two-fifths of the price stipulated to be paid after the final trial is not forthcoming. Señor Godoy is now about to go to Berlin to seek financial help.

Gladstone has decided to support the divorce reform bill introduced by Hunter. This amazed the liberals, who believed he would oppose any extension of divorce as a matter of religious principle. The bill entitles a wife to the dissolution of the marriage in the event of adultery or four years' desertion on the part of the husband. The House of Lords will reject it, as the bishops will congregate against it.

The British consulate reports from Spain and Portugal announce the remarkable success of the system of grafting American on native vines, which result in preventing phylloxera and producing good wine. The consul at Madeira writes that a large amount of new vines, mostly American, planted in the districts most celebrated for their wine and produces superior quality on the north side of the island where all the vines were destroyed by phylloxera years ago. The new vines have given their first fine crop.

EXPLOSION AT ROME.

Damages at the Vatican—Valuable Works of Art Destroyed.

ROME, April 24.—[By Cable and Associated Press.] The explosion yesterday which caused heavy damage and loss of life, created great alarm at the Vatican. All the windows of the Pope's library were broken, and a number of precious relics were destroyed. Stained-glass windows at St. Peter's and St. Paul's were damaged and many relics destroyed. St. Paul's Church is closed while the damage is repaired. The destruction wrought will be irreparable, as the valuable works of art which are destroyed cannot be replaced. Some time will elapse before the full amount of damage will be known.

It now transpires that the Pope was engaged in prayer when the explosion shook the Vatican building. The shock was so severe that His Holiness would have fallen had not one of the servants caught him. Investigation shows the explosion was caused by accidental explosion of shell capsules. A number of the injured have died. King Humbert today is calling at the hospitals and visiting the wounded people. The King's sympathetic action in conveying some of the wounded in his own carriage to the hospitals yesterday and in visiting the wounded today is highly appreciated by the populace of this city.

Among those hurt by the accident is Billott, French ambassador, who was slightly injured by falling glass.

RAINSTORMS IN PERU.

Millions of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed.

PANAMA, April 24.—[By Cable and Associated Press.] Reports from Peru state that between March 19 and the 23d eleven rainstorms swept over Lambayeque. Rivers rose and flooded the country all around for thirty miles. Many villages were inundated and a large number of buildings have fallen down. Crops on the farms around the villages are all destroyed, and not a rail on the Chimbote and Suchiman railroad remains in place.

A correspondent writing from Moche says torrents of rain fell, and as the houses were not built to resist the rain they soon began to fall, while the roofs and walls fell in many of the streets, and the square became an immense lake. Provisions are very scarce. The wind blew with such force at Huanquillo that large trees were blown down. All plantations and farms are more or less injured. In the department of Libertad the losses exceed \$2,000,000. Heavy rainstorms also swept over the north of Peru, where rain is never expected, and much ruin caused.

FOREIGN NOTES.

State of Affairs in Chili Brought About by the Revolution.

LISBON, April 24.—[By Cable and Associated Press.] Telegrams from Santiago, Chili, say nobody except the supporters of the dictator are safe from insult and imprisonment; that ladies of the highest families are seized, thrown into foul prisons and treated vilely; that during elections the soldiers indulged in robberies and outrages upon voters supposed to favor the Parliamentary party; that only Balmaceda's nominees were elected; that Vidal, a nominee for the Presidency, received 294 out of 296 votes of the convention, and all letters and telegrams were submitted to a rigorous censorship.

ENGLAND AND PORTUGAL.

LONDON, April 24.—One of the results of the action of the Portuguese officials in firing upon the British steamer *Agincourt* and seizure of two cargo boats attached to the expedition, has become public by the action taken by the Portuguese cabinet today. It appears that in addition to the dispatch of three British ships to the entrance of the Funchal River, as announced by Salisbury yesterday, the British Prime Minister forwarded his ultimatum to the Portuguese government, declaring that unless immediate facilities are afforded to British subjects upon the Funchal River in accordance with the provisions of the *modus vivendi* now existing between Great Britain and Portugal, the British government would resort to force in order to insure respect on the part of Portugal to her treaty engagements, and the results would be disastrous to Portuguese enterprise in that part of the world. The Portuguese cabinet today, under pressure of the Salisbury ultimatum, decided to free passage of the Funchal River.

AGAINST ANNEXATION.

LONDON, April 27.—Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian High Commissioner, is in London, and uses two columns of the Times today to reply to Tyler, president of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, who answered Tupper's comments on the policy of the Grand Trunk. Tupper says he would have failed in his duty to Canada and to England if he had not exposed the attempt of the Grand Trunk to support the party in Canada whose policy during the recent elections was that of annexation. Tupper adds that he bitterly regrets the assistance given to the Grand Trunk to enable it to obtain its connection with Chicago, as it is now evident that it has made the road an American institution.

REBELLIOUS MANIPURIS.

SIMLA, April 24.—The British troops burned twelve villages occupied by rebellious Manipuris. The latter retreated to the hills, killing and wounding a large number of the enemy. The latter are now believed to be completely subjugated.

OPPOSED TO A STRIKE.

BERLIN, April 24.—The Socialist Journal *Vorwärts* today expresses itself as opposed to the workmen of Germany engaging in a general strike under the existing condition of things. It says a strike would bring misery to workmen or would destroy their organization.

CONSERVATIVE VICTORY.

LONDON, April 24.—The Conservatives carried Whitehaven, electing Sir James Bain over the Liberal candidate by a majority of 233. This is a great reduction from the last election, when the Conservative majority was 1100.

WILL ALLOW MEETINGS.

ROME, April 24.—The government decided to allow an orderly meeting on May day, of workmen in this city, and elsewhere in Italy. This government, however, issued instructions prohibiting seditious speeches, and processions.

TRIBUTE TO GEN. SHERMAN.

LONDON, April 24.—Lord Wolseley, in an article in the United Service Magazine, says he highly appreciates Gen. Sherman as a man and a soldier, and says his name will be ever honored wherever English is spoken.

WARSHIP WRECKED.

MADRID, April 24.—Intelligence has been received that the Spanish gunboat *Canto* struck a rock off Porto Plata and became a total loss. The *Canto* was of the third class and was used as a guard.

GERMANY WILL BE REPRESENTED.

BERLIN, April 24.—It is announced that the German government will shortly apply to the federal council for an appropriation to enable Germany to properly participate in the World's Fair at Chicago.

GIANTIC STRIKE IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, April 24.—The miners' strike at Dortmund is assuming gigantic proportions. Ten thousand men are out.

JACK THE RIPPER.

He Is Believed to Be in New York.

A Woman Strangled and the Body Horribly Mutilated.

The Bloody Signs of the Whitechapel Fiend Plainly Evident.

The Entire Detective Force at Work on the Case, and Will Have a Chance to Display Their Superior Sagacity.

By Telegram to The Times.

NEW YORK, April 24.—[By The Associated Press.] Last night a man and woman registered at a cheap hotel here as man and wife. They immediately retired, and as nothing was seen of them this morning the door of the room was broken in. On the bed lay the woman, covered with blood. She had been dead for hours. Her abdomen was ripped open with a dull, broken table knife that lay in the blood. The viscera had been cut out, and from appearances part was missing. The man had escaped. A very imperfect description of him was given to the police, and they went to work on it with the utmost secrecy and speed. They think he is "Jack the Ripper."

The coroner made a hasty examination of the body, and found that the woman had been dead a number of hours. He removed the clothes from her face and neck, and revealed a ghastly visage. The tongue was out of the mouth and the swollen eyes bulged from their sockets. The nose was flattened to the face, and about the neck was a circle of congealed blood. The appearance of the face convinced the coroner that the woman was first strangled and then cut. On turning over the body it was found the murderer had left his mark. A broken-end knife had been used to make a large cross on the base of the spine. Proprietor Jennings and the assistant housekeeper, Mary Munton, told the police all they knew about the case.

The housekeeper said the murdered woman's companion was decidedly German in appearance, but she could not tell from his appearance how long he had been in this country. She said he resembled a seafaring man. Mary said the woman was a well-known character around the neighborhood, but no one seems to know her or where she lives. The police are scouring the city and vessels around the docks for the murderer.

The woman could not have been much under 60 years of age. Her hair was almost white and her features stamped with marks of drunkenness and the gutter. She was a typical specimen of the woman of the street. The man, according to the clerk of the establishment, was apparently not over 32 years of age. In build he was slight and of medium height, with light complexion, small blonde mustache and blond hair. He did not utter a word in the hearing of any people about the hotel, and the murder must have been a noiseless one, as the other rooms on the floor were occupied and a whisper could almost be heard through the partitions.

When the boy pushed open the door of the room this morning he beheld such a scene of horror as he will not forget to his dying day. Stretched out on the bed, naked from the waist down, lay the woman. He did not utter a word in the hearing of any people about the hotel, and the murder must have been a noiseless one, as the other rooms on the floor were occupied and a whisper could almost be heard through the partitions.

Whether any parts are missing, as was the case with the London murders, has not yet been ascertained. When the coverings were removed from the face, expression was one of agony. The old woman evidently struggled hard before being strangled.

A doctor who saw the body says: "Whether by chance or skill the cut was made so as to effect the object aimed at by the London 'Jack the Ripper,' namely—removal of the uterus." Inspectors Byrnes and Williams were busy until a late hour last night questioning the large number of people brought in. Probably more detectives are working on this case than any ever before known in New York.

The woman was identified tonight as one Carrie Brown, aged 50, and known as "Frenchy," who was a acquaintance of the dead woman, has been arrested.

NEW YORK, April 25.—At 1 o'clock this morning a man by the name of Adolph Keller was arrested. His description answers that of the murderer.

LABOR TROUBLES.

Strikes at Chicago, St. Louis and Other Points.

PITTSBURGH, April 24.—[By The Associated Press.] Information was given the police tonight by a man named Timmons of Bradock that he planned to blow up W. C. Erick, the coke king, with dynamite. Timmons has been working at Homebrew. He is obliged to pass a deep gully on his way to work and yesterday discovered a gang of twelve Hungarians there loading dynamite sticks. Each Hun took two sticks and left for Bradock. They were seen in that place tonight, and openly declared their intention of dynamiting Erick, and started for this city. Police are on the watch.

It is estimated that 10,000 men belonging to the building trades in this city will be either locked out or will strike May 1.

The hod carriers at work today on buildings where stone masons worked are out. They struck against a lock-out. About a third are out.

AT SCOTTSDALE.

SCOTTSDALE (Pa.), April 24.—Comparative quiet reigned in the coke region up to noon. Evictions are being made at several places, but thus far there are no indications of trouble. Labor leaders are busily engaged in giving out tents and are confident they will be able to take care of all evicted people. The Poles and Slavs are up in arms against the Socialists, and talk of giving the district officers notice that unless Jones and De Laher are sent away they will withdraw from the strike.

It is said foreigners at the Standard works are drilling every night and trouble is feared there when the evictions take place next week. It is believed they have arms concealed in the vicinity. A number of evictions were made

near here today, and the deputies had much trouble. At one point they were pelted with stones, but no one was seriously injured. One deputy who was abused by an irate woman lost his wife and threatened to shoot her, but cries of "Shame!" from his comrades caused him to slink away.

A mass-meeting of the strikers was addressed this afternoon by Jones and De Laher, the Socialists sent from New York. They denounced the laws of the United States, and made other incendiary remarks.

Twenty-nine men and women from Trotter had a hearing here today. Twenty-four were bound over on a charge of rioting. CARPENTERS' STRIKE AT ST. LOUIS. ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Over 2000 union carpenters of this city resolved to strike May 1 unless the bosses accede to their demands for 40 cents per hour.

DETROIT STREET-CAR TROUBLES. DETROIT, April 24.—No street-cars are running in this city today, the company having decided to suspend operations until the city authorities advise that they are in a position to afford proper protection. The Mayor has written a letter to the street-car officials suggesting arbitration, but no answer is received yet. Four hundred hostlers of the company struck this morning. This evening the street-car company accepted the Mayor's suggestion of arbitration and the strikers are jubilant. An effort will be made to run cars until the Arbitration Committee reports.

SETTLED AT CHICAGO. CHICAGO, April 24.—The strike at Jackson Park is over for the present and all the men needed are at work. They advised the abandonment of the strike for the present and will make another attempt later on.

STRIKE IN COLORADO. TRINIDAD (Col.), April 24.—Striking switchmen have completely tied up the freight traffic of the Fort Worth road and the coal mines of the Forber, Victor, Elmore and Engleville have been compelled to suspend, throwing 3000 miners out of work.

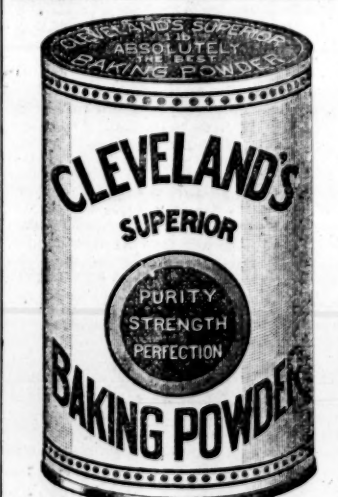
G. A. R.

The State Encampment at Santa Cruz Closed.

SANTA CRUZ, April 24.—[By The Associated Press.] The G. A. R. election resulted as follows: Gen. W. H. L. Barnes, department commander for ensuing year; J. F. Cunningham, Santa Cruz, senior vice-department commander; W. H. Ennis, Sacramento, junior vice-department commander; Rev. A. T. Needham, Sacramento, department chaplain; Dr. M. C. Harris, San José, medical director; representatives of the national encampment, J. B. Fuller, T. K. Statler, F. T. Hanson, G. C. Thaxter, E. E. Cheever, C. A. Fuller, N. D. Oley.

A resolution was adopted recommending the election of W. R. Smendberg as commander-in-chief. Fresno was chosen as the place for next meeting. The business of the twenty-fourth encampment of California, department of the Grand Army of the Republic, concluded today. The officers were installed by Past-Department Commander Warfield. Department Commander Barnes reappointed T. C. Marshall assistant adjutant general and Eugene Wiegand assistant quartermaster.

The general ladies' relief corps convention elected Mrs. Emma Gillingham, of Santa Barbara department, president; Mrs. Jennie Southworth, Stockton, senior vice president; Mrs. Eliza Brown, Santa Cruz, junior vice president; Mrs. Mary Ferguson, San Francisco, treasurer, and Mrs. Della King, Santa Rosa, chaplain. The executive committee is composed of Mrs. Abbie Johnson, Los Angeles, chairman; Mrs. Susie Sherman, Mrs. Annie Hack, Mrs. Nettie Munsey, Mrs. Ella Swisher.



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